

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 507

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A RESOLUTION to commend Bobbie W. Burchett for thirty years of honorable and astute service to the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those inimitable public servants who, during their tenure, have performed their appointed duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented commitment and whose professionalism and competence will serve as a benchmark for future public servants; and

WHEREAS, Bobbie W. Burchett is one such distinguished public servant who has given unselfishly of herself, her time, and her remarkable talents to perpetuate the public good during her thirty years with the Tennessee Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burchett attended Mt. Pisgah High School and later graduated from Douglass High School; knowing the immense value of education, she pursued higher education at Memphis State University and Shelby State Community College and also received additional training through Job Corps; and

WHEREAS, her education and considerable experience garnered her a position with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, where she performed her duties with the utmost adroitness; her

reputation for diligence and a nimble wit led to her being offered a position with the Tennessee Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 1972, Mrs. Burchett began her service to the Department of Human Services and the people of this State; first assigned to the Medicaid unit, she has served with acumen and alacrity as an Eligibility Counselor II in the Medicaid, Food Stamps, and Families First programs for the past three decades; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Bobbie W. Burchett has shared her vast knowledge with others so that they might benefit from her expertise; and her retirement, though well-deserved, leaves a void that will not be easily filled; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Burchett is most grateful for the deep love and companionship she shares with Minister Charlie J. Burchett; and

WHEREAS, always devoted to maintaining the highest ideals of family values, Mrs. Burchett cherishes her relationship with her four sisters and two brothers, and she is a devoted and nurturing aunt to her nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Burchett is a faithful member of Early Grove Baptist Church, where she is a member of the Mass Choir and formerly served as President of the Officers' Wives Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, a most caring, conscientious, and considerate person, Bobbie W. Burchett will long be remembered as an advocate and crusader for the concerns of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, she is a lady whose talent and energy will rarely be equaled, and, without question, she will be greatly missed by her peers; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Burchett has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Bobbie W. Burchett

for her immeasurable service to the people of Tennessee and honor her for her distinguished service with the Department of Human Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Mrs. Burchett all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.